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1. FRG ECONCOOPMIN AND EMBASSY BOTH WELCOME VISIT OF
ACTING AA/AFR NORTH DURING THE LAST WEEK IN APRIL
(REF A). FRG HAS A STRONG COMMITMENT TO THE SAHEL AND
COOPMIN VERY INTERESTED IN ANY CHANCE TO COORDINATE
FRG AID PROGRAM WITH THE U.S.

2. FRG REMAINS SENSITIVE, HOWEVER, TO PROBLEMS THEY
PERCEIVE WITH THE CLUB DES AMIS DU SAHEL. BOTH REF B
(REPORTING VISIT OF AID DAA/AFR BROWN) AND REF C
(REPORTING DISCUSSION WITH GERMAN DAC REP) DESCRIBE
THE GERMAN ATTITUDE. TWO PRIMARY PROBLEMS FRG HAS
CONCERNING THE CLUB ARE:

(A) --THE PERCEPTION BY THE SENIOR STAFF OF
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COOPMIN THAT THE CLUB IS A FRANCO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE
IN AN AREA WHERE FRG HAS A STRONG COMMITMENT AND LARGE
ONGOING PROGRAMS. THEY FEAR THE LOSS OF CONTROL OVER
THEIR OWN BILATERAL PROGRAMS WHICH WILL REDOUND TO THE
POLITICAL BENEFIT OF OTHERS.

(B) --FRG OPPOSES IN PRINCIPLE THE ESTABLISHMENT

OF NEW MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH NEW BUREAUCRACIES AND EXPENSES. FRG SUSPECTS THAT THE CLUB WILL NOT ONLY COST MONEY TO MAINTAIN, BUT WILL BE USED BY RECIPIENT COUNTRIES TO OBTAIN MORE AID BEYOND PRESENT BIIATERAL PROGRAMS.

3. NORTH VISIT COULD HELP TO BRING FRG AROUND TO MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN CLUB AT TIME OF MAJOR U.S. INITIATIVE IN SAHEL. COOPMIN ALSO VERY INTERESTED IN THE ENTIRE U.S. AID PROGRAM OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION, SINCE FRG WISHES TO MAINTAIN GENERAL COMPARABILITY WITH OVERALL U.S. AID EFFORTS.

4. FRG PLANNING FIGURES FOR AID TO SAHEL COUNTRIES FOLLOWS SEPTEI.
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